

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

SAXTON, Jim (Republican)  
Representative, 3rd District, New Jersey  
Elected 1984 to 98th Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Nicholson, Pennsylvania - 22 January 1943

Home: Mount Holly, New Jersey

Marital status: Divorced - 2 children

Religion: Methodist

Education: East Stroudsburg (PA) State College, BA, 1965; Temple University, 1967-8

Military: None specified

Profession: Realtor; educator

Political: NJ Assembly, 1976-82; NJ Senate, 1982-84. Succeeded Rep Edwin Forsythe (R) who died in Mar84; Reelected 2000 with 57% of the vote and in 2002 with 65%.

Rep Saxton, a conservative, was a quiet party loyalist until the base closure commission announced in Dec88 the near total-closure of Army's Ft Dix, located partially in his district.

In the 105th Congress, supported the CRAF program and a healthy airlift capability. (CR, 11Mar98) Joined several HNSC colleagues in voicing disagreement with the HNSC's decision to cut funding for the Navy's DD-21 land attack destroyer. Also joined HNSC colleagues in voicing concern about the possible transfer of sensitive missile guidance technology to China. (H.Rept.105-532, 12May98) Opposed the licensing of the commercial version of the C-17 aircraft for export sales. (Defense Week, 8Sep98)

In the 106th Congress, introduced H.R. 601, a bill to amend Title 10, US Code, to change the effective date for paid-up coverage under the military Survivor Benefit Plan, and H.R. 2272, a bill to ensure the equitable treatment of graduates of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Expressed concern and interest in mobility requirements at 25Mar99 Service Secretaries' Posture Hearing. (Resume, 26Mar99) During Operation Allied Force, conducted 3-day diplomacy mission to Belgrade and upon return asserted that NATO bombing had succeeded mainly in hurting Serbian civilians and worsening the Kosovo refugee crisis, but not weakening the Yugoslav military. (NY Times, 23 Apr99) Said Congress should allow the Air Force sufficient time and aircraft for the intensive flight-testing and evaluation needed to assess the F-22's value. Added that only then can the Congress make an informed decision on the future of such an important component of our national security plans. (CR, 22Jul99) After signing on as cosponsor of H.R. 2543, the American Military Health Protection Act, a bill to make the Department of Defense anthrax vaccination immunization program voluntary for all members of the Armed Forces, said much of the information about the program doesn't jibe with what the military is saying. Thought the military should have made the program voluntary on its own. (AP Wire, 1Aug99)

In the 107th Congress, believed that closer to 300 C-17s should be procured rather than the 180 in the DOD Auth bill, but said, "that is the nature of compromise."

McGuire will house a squadron of new C-17 Globemasters. Does not support additional base closures.

Additional: Member, AF Association and Association of US Army. Member, Airpower Caucus

AF Bases: McGuire AFB (Also Reserve Forces)

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